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33rd WARD ALDERMAN RICHARD MELL TO RETIRE

Mayor Emanuel to Launch Open Process to Select Replacement

Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced today that he has accepted Alderman Dick Mell's resignation, and will launch an open process to select his replacement.

"Alderman Mell has served the City of Chicago and the 33rd Ward with distinction for nearly 40 years," said Mayor Emanuel. "In a city known for its colorful characters, Alderman Mell is a larger than life Chicago character who, just like the Billy Goat and Second City, is a Chicago institution and, in his own way, he has defined what public service and class look like. Always at his desk – sometimes on it – Alderman Mell has served the residents of the 33rd Ward well for nearly four decades. As a Chicagoan, as a colleague, as mayor and as a friend, I will miss him. Alderman Mell may be succeeded in the City Council, but he is a one-of-a-kind who can never be replaced."

Alderman Mell's retirement is effective July 24.

"I am looking for a candidate with a strong background, solid ties to the community, and a willingness to tackle the tough issues facing Chicagoans," said Mayor Emanuel.

Beginning Friday, July 5th at 9am through 5pm on Thursday, July 11th, any eligible resident of the 33rd Ward will be able to submit their credentials for consideration. The Mayor will appoint a community-based commission to review the applications and submit a list of finalists for him to choose from.

The Mayor expects to have the new Alderman sworn in at the July 24th City Council meeting so the residents of the 33rd Ward will not see a lapse in representation at City Council.

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